

Taking Action



Above: Neighbors at one of the Community Plan meetings.

Introduction

This chapter of the United Southwest Communities Plan focuses on the community's goal, objective and action steps for creating a group responsible for overseeing plan implementation.

In each Plan chapter, Lead Partners are identified who volunteered to serve as coordinators to bring together all of the groups needed to achieve the proposed action. The Implementation Team either will serve as the coordinator or encourage the identified Lead Partner to take action towards plan implementation.

"To undermanage reality is not to keep free. It is simply to let some force other than reason shape reality."

- Robert S. McNamara

United Southwest Communities Plan



Plan participants

Goal 10 Plan Implementation

Unite the area's strong neighborhood associations to build coalitions to implement the plan, improve communication and increase community participation.

Objective 10.1: Organize and Publicize

Organize an implementation team to begin plan implementation, communication efforts and participation initiatives.

Action Steps:

- 10.1.1** Create a coalition group for all neighborhood associations and other community groups (PTA, churches, businesses, etc) in the United Southwest Communities. This group could work to:
- *Educate county and city officials and departments about neighborhood needs using existing and new forums,*
 - *Monitor progress,*
 - *Evaluate goal achievement,*
 - *Facilitate informative dialogue about how, where and for whom public money is being spent,*
 - *Maintain contact with elected officials and City departments,*
 - *Monitor the Board of Adjustment, Zoning and Planning Commission agendas—and attend meetings to defend the plan from incompatible development, and*
 - *Organize joint meetings between neighborhood associations to discuss community issues.*

- 10.1.2** Initiate a community plan newsletter to publicize the plan to all residents, public officials and businesses in the planning area.

Timeline: Short (1 – 2 years)

Lead Partners: Implementation Team

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations (NAs), PTAs, Churches, COSA Planning Department

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer



Community Plan signs

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The Hidden Cove/Indian Creek Neighborhood Association successfully obtained Neighborhood Improvement Challenge Program funds from the City's Planning Department for this mural project in 2000

